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Sir:

REQUEST

The Examiner is requested to return a completely-initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Forms filed June 5, 2001. Specifically, the PTO-1449 Forms returned with the Office Action of April 25, 2003, contain a line through some of the listed references. Copies of the lined-through references were submitted with the Amendment filed August 25, 2003. A completely-initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Forms filed June 5, 2001, pursuant to MPEP § 609, is requested.

The Examiner is again requested to acknowledge receipt by the Patent Office of the priority documents in the grand-parent application Serial No. 08/362,455.

The Examiner is also requested to acknowledge the applicants claim for domestic priority.

The present Request is not being filed in response to the Office Action of May 18, 2005, but rather it is being filed to complete the Office Action of May 18, 2005.

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Respectfully submitted,

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